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Honorable David A. Stockman
Director
Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Director of Central Intelligence on Enrolled Bill H.R. 2968, the "Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1984." I recommend Presidential approval of this legislation.

The portions of the legislation which authorize appropriation of funds for the conduct of intelligence and intelligence-related activities represent the joint efforts of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, and the departments and agencies of the Intelligence Community to assure proper funding for such activities. The spirit of cooperation between the Executive and Legislative Branches in achieving that goal evidences the national commitment to revitalizing the Intelligence Community and assuring its effectiveness. The authorizations of appropriations of funds for Fiscal Year 1984 contained in the Bill are generally in accordance with proposals put before Congress in the President's program.

In addition to authorizing appropriations, the Bill provides new authorities for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Intelligence Community Staff. With respect to the CIA, the Bill authorizes the Director to pay incentive awards to employees of other government agencies detailed to the CIA, establishes age criteria for appointment to positions within the Agency for which such criteria are an operational necessity, and authorizes funds for construction of badly needed new facilities at CIA Headquarters. The Bill also gives the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency authority to provide benefits and allowances to personnel of the Defense Attache System comparable to those provided under the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to officers and employees of the State Department stationed abroad. Finally, the Bill addresses a problem created by the appointment of military officers as Director or Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff by providing that the rank or grade of such an officer will not

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affect the limitations on the numbers and percentages of such rank or grade otherwise authorized for the armed service for which he is a member. This provision ensures that the armed service from which an officer is appointed as Director or Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff will not, by virtue of such appointment, be deprived of a senior billet necessary for effective military personnel management.

Enclosed is a brief signing statement for the President's use upon approving H.R. 2968. The statement refers to the authorization of funds and new authorities created by the Bill as positive steps in fulfilling his commitment to enhance the nation's intelligence capability.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosure

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